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Dear Friend,

Patricia and I think of you often, with gratitude -- all of the friends we've never met, many of whom supported us during the Pentagon Papers trial. It was your support that kept our defense effort going long enough for it to evoke a stream of revelations about the "plumbers," the wiretaps, the CIA, and the Nixon White House.

These revelations, along with others, led to the unraveling of the Watergate cover-up, and the termination of the Nixon Administration and the Congressional funding support for our bombing of Cambodia. We thank you for that and for the many forms of support that you gave us that allowed all of this to happen.

I am writing you now in connection with what is really the same cause: the continued cover-up of our war in Indochina, and a way you can help again to combat it. The very acts of Administration law-breaking revealed through our trial were part of an effort to cover up the greater crimes of the Administration in Indochina.

The domestic law-breaking eventually came to light and was stopped. Yet ever since Richard Nixon finally agreed to the signing of the Paris Agreements in January, 1973 -- with a more informed public being a key factor forcing his hand -- a new campaign has lulled the public with a theme borrowed from Orwell, "War is Peace."

"At least Nixon ended the war," we hear from all sides; even Nixon's critics are asked to concede that! But that lie describes a "peace" that has in fact been among the bloodiest chapters of the war: more than 350,000 Vietnamese soldiers on both sides killed or wounded since we signed the "peace accords;" more than 85,000 civilians killed or wounded; more than one million more Vietnamese and Cambodian civilians turned into homeless refugees.

"But at least American involvement is over," we are told. Another lie that hides direct American responsibility. Last year American taxpayers provided 90% of the budget of General Thieu's corrupt dictatorship in Saigon. The fiscal 1975 U.S. budget proposes more U.S. military and economic aid for the tottering Thieu and Lon Nol regimes (or their successors, if our policy outlasts them) than it does for the entire rest of the world put together.

The only factor that will force an end to this savagery will be an informed public. It is still essential to counter Administration efforts and reveal the realities of an ongoing American war in Indochina. I know of no group so determined or effective in doing that as the INDOCHINA PEACE CAMPAIGN. That is why I'm writing to you now, to ask that you support their work.

In the past year, as other organizations have turned to other problems, the INDOCHINA PEACE CAMPAIGN has been invaluable in countering Government and media misinformation. It continues to bring the news to the American

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